

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
22	Tamil Nadu	197	135	226	134	December
23	Tripura	17	15	0	1	December
24	Uttar Pradesh	2088	2059	347	48	October
25	West Bengal	257	278	1	4	November
TOTAL (States)		6564	6082	3050	1566	
26	A & N Islands	0	0	0	1	December
27	Chandigarh	7	3	0	0	Dec. (June)
28	D & N Haveli	2	0	0	0	November
29	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	December
30	Delhi	122	131	8	3	December
31	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	December
32	Pondicherry	4	6	6	5	
TOTAL (UTs)		135	140	14	9	
TOTAL (All India)		6699	6222	3064	1575	

*Source: 1999 — Crime in India
 2000 — Monthly Crime Statistics

Note: Bracketed Month-name indicate non-availability of data.

Delicensing of hazardous chemicals

*607. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 19 hazardous chemicals are proposed to be delicensed;
- (b) if so, the recommendation of the Commerce and Industry Ministry in this regard; and
- (c) the action taken to ensure that all companies take adequate safeguards prescribed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests with regard to manufacture, storage and use of hazardous chemicals, in view of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) In the process of review of laws, regulations and simplification of procedures, Government is continuously reviewing the list of industries under

compulsory licensing. The focus of the review is on development and promotion of industries rather than on regulation. Presently, hazardous chemicals are in the list of industries requiring compulsory licensing. The Ministries concerned are consulted in the process of review.

(c) The regulatory framework established by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in the form of Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 (MSIHC Rules) and subsequent amendments made in October, 1994 and January, 2000 adequately takes care of the requirements of safeguards relating to chemicals.

National Environment Protection Agency

*609. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Environment Protection Agency to protect environment as the Pollution Control Board has failed to protect environment effectively; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

BIFR notice to wind-up IDPL

*610. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Newstime dated 15th March, 2001, captioned, "IDPL gets BIFR wind-up notice";

(b) whether all avenues have been explored to assess whether any one or more units of the Company could be rehabilitated; and

(c) the action proposed to provide employment to workers of IDPL?